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Chairman Carlito P. Caliboso Commissioner Janet E. Kawelo Commissioner Wayne H. Kimura Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii 465 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Re:

Docket No. 05-0002: Shell's Letter Request For Extension Of Time To Respond to PUC-IR-42 to PUC-IR-50

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

On December 23, 2005, Shell Oil Company received the Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") information requests numbers PUC-IR-42 through PUC-IR-50. The Commission has required that Shell Oil Company provide responses to all of the information requests by Friday, January 6, 2006.

Shell understands that the Ethanol mandate deadlines are quickly approaching. Thus, Shell is actively making plans to ensure that Shell is able to meet the State's Ethanol mandate in April of 2006.

Shell also endeavors to respond in good faith to PUC-IR-42 through PUC-IR-50 regarding the Ethanol mandate. However, Shell requires more time to gather the information necessary to respond to PUC-IR-42 through PUC-IR-50.

Consequently, pursuant to HAR § 6-61-23(a), Shell respectfully makes this timely request for an extension until February 15, 2006 for Shell to respond to PUC-IR-42 to PUC-IR-50. Shell respectfully submits that good cause exists to grant Shell this extension.

Further, while Shell is currently requesting an extension until February 15, 2006, the Commission should be aware that some of the information requested (e.g. ethanol supply in IR-47 and barging rates in IR-49) remains contingent on third parties. This information is currently not available to Shell and, in fact, may not be available to Shell by February 15, 2006. Therefore, Shell may subsequently be forced to request a further extension beyond February 15, 2006.

Finally, by this request, Shell does not intend to waive or relinquish any of its rights relating to the present or future appeal of this Commission's rulings relating to the Gas Cap Law.

Very truly yours,

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